DEWAN'S REPLY: Your long list, Mr. Visvanatha Pillai, will be considered and each item looked into. But I am afraid you will have to put up with at least one more committee. As I have already said, an Education Reforms Committee will be constituted shortly to deal with the question of educational reform.

Several concessions have already been granted to relieve hardship. And, the recommendations of the Economic Depression Enquiry Committee are being carried out or will be carried out.

As regards local option, I have only to repeat what I have said before, namely, that Government are watching the experiments at Changanachery.

Your other suggestions will be considered.

89. Needs of the Quilon taluk.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon taluk, Group II*) first spoke about the need for the immediate construction of the 3rd section of the Quilon-Mukhattala road with a bridge at Ayattil and of the 2nd section of the road from the 2nd furlong, 6th mile, of the Quilon-Shencotta road to Pooyapalli. The necessity for the first road had been repeatedly pressed at several past sessions of the Assembly, but only the first two sections of the road had been completed so far. In regard to the second road, it was stated at the 23rd session that the first section of the road had been completed and that an estimate for the second section was then under consideration. It was regrettable that though four years had since elapsed nothing was done in the matter. The road was an important one and its construction should be expedited.

The Anchalummood—Peruman road and the Anchalummood—Prakulam road should be improved at an early date. The work on these roads would not cost much, but the roads, if improved and made fit for cart traffic, would be of immense use to the public.

The necessity for opening a road from Eravipuram to Mayyanad was repeatedly urged on the attention of the Government and provision was also made for the work in the budget, but the amount was allowed to lapse. The road should be opened without delay.

The construction of culverts and sluices in the Kuntuman *chira* was an important irrigation work so far as the Quilon taluk was concerned and would benefit more than two thousand *paras* of paddy fields. There was some provision for this work in the previous year's budget, but this amount also was allowed to lapse. The work should be carried out without any further delay.

There was not a single medical institution in East Kallada, not even a grant-in-aid *vaidyasala*. There were qualified *vaidyans* available in the place. A grant-in-aid *vaidyasala* at least should be established at the place.

A Government dispensary should be opened at Anchalummood. The Inspecting Medical Officer who once inspected the place was convinced of the necessity of opening a dispensary at the place.

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Many minor irrigation works remained to be attended to in the taluk. The member had not a list of the works ready, but would furnish the same, when the Government took up the work.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Raman Pillai, works which seem important to you in Quilon do not appear so important to people in other taluks. Works must be important to the State as a whole if the Government are to take them up urgently. Therefore, the two roads which you have mentioned *viz.*, those to Mukhattala and Pooyapalli must wait until their turn in the programme comes and until finances improve.

Government have sanctioned 2 miles and 3 furlongs of the Anchalummood-Peruman road being taken over under departmental maintenance from 1106. The lands covered by the Anchalummood-Prakulam road have been taken possession of by the Public Works Department after acquisition on payment of nominal compensation, and an estimate for widening the narrow portions and gravelling the sandy portions is under preparation. The Eravipuram-Mayyanad road will be taken up in the order of priority fixed by the Road Board.

For the irrigation works connected with the Kuntuman *chira*, an estimate has been sanctioned; funds will be provided even this year. It is hoped that the work will be taken up and completed soon.

Regarding the establishment of a grant-in-aid *vaidyasala* at East Kallada, if a competent *vaidyan* will come forward, the Inspector is prepared to recommend State recognition. The question of a grant-in-aid must wait until financial conditions improve. So too must the establishment of a dispensary at Anchalummood.

Some of the minor irrigation works in the taluk have been completed; and other works will be taken up as funds permit.

90. Needs of the Quilon taluk.

MR. E. MAHOMED KUNJU (*Trading Classes, Quilon*) said that the Kallukadavu road, two furlongs in length, on the western side of the Commercial canal was in a very bad condition. An attempt was made both by the Government and the Municipality to improve the condition of the road about four years back, but without any good result. Early steps should be taken for the improvement of the road. One or two wells should also be sunk for the benefit of the poor people on the sides of this road. This would not cost more than three hundred rupees.

Similarly, the road on the northern side of the Quilon Bank buildings leading to the Commercial canal, one furlong in length, was also in a bad condition. This road should also be improved at an early date.

Another important question which should engage the attention of the Government was the improvement of the Commercial canal from the Kochupilamood bridge to Tuet Depot. The banks of the canal on both sides had given way and the maintenance of the canal was not properly attended to. Steps should be taken for the early improvement of the canal and the strengthening of the banks.

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